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**DECLARATION OF SHANE E. ABBITT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.132**

I, Shane E. Abbitt, declare:

I am a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Ankeny, Iowa, United States of America.

I received the degree of Master of Science in the area of Life Sciences (Biotechnology) from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1996.

I received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, 1993.

I presently hold the position of Senior Research Associate at Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. May 1999 - present. Research areas: 1) Seed specific promoter isolation and 2) Vector construction.

I was employed as Research Associate at Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. September 1997 – May 1999. Research areas: Vector construction.

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